THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): Needs for various uses, including parking, shopping, commercial, residential, etc. are taken into account while drawing up the Master Plan. The modifications to the Master Plan, approved by the Government and notified on 1st August, 1990, prescribe the norms based on various studies and experience gained in the past.

The concept of mixed land use has been accepted to cater to the commercial/shopping needs within the residential areas. Weekly markets and informal sector have also been catered for. The concept of incremental houses has also been envisaged to optimise housing activity. Various Government agencies, local bodies and private parties are involved in the process of development and construction, each with its own mechinery and within its own rules & regulations etc., but all have to function within the parameters of the approved Master Plan, the zoning regulations and the building bye-laws.

Construction Limit of high rise buildings

638. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government have issued any specific guidelines with regard to the construction limit of high-rise buildings in the capital; if not, what steps are proposed to be taken to avoid consequent demolition prosecution and harassment of builders at the hands of the local functioneries?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): The Master Plan for Delhi provides for specific height controls for different types of buildings/areas. Unified Building byelaws which are followed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. New Delhi Municipal Committee and Delhi Development Authority in their respective jurisdiction also provide exhaustively for the construction parameters of buildings in the Capital. In view of this, no separate guidelines are required to be issued.

Review of list of essential commodities

639. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI GUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand and review the list of the essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and the names of the items likely to be included in the said Act;

(c) whether Government also propose to publish the cost of production of essential commodities; and

(d) if so, what are the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The list of items declared as 'essential' under the Act has been reviewed recently. As a result of this review the following items have been deleted from the list:—

(1) Cycle tyres and tubes (including cycle rickshaw tyres and tubes)

(2) Fluorescent tubes

(3) Rayon tyres/yam/cord/Fabric

(4) Tractors

(5) Tyres and tubes of scooters (including scooter, rickshaw tyres and Auto rickshaw tyres)

(6) Tyres and tubes of Cars, Jeeps, Vans, Automobile of any other category whatsoever, Tractors and tractor Trolleys by excluding tyres and tubes for Buses and Trucks:

New items are included in this list as

and when circumstances warrant such inclusion. "Hydraulic brake fluid" was the item last added to the list over a year ago.

(c) No such proposal is being considered by the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Central assistance for flood relief

640. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed so far in Rajasthan and other States in the country due to unprecedented monsoon rains this year and whether any estimate has been made of agriculture crops/ properties destroyed on this account;

(b) what is Central Government's share / contribution of expenditure towards relief and rescue operations and whether any demand for allocation of more such funds has been made by any of the State Governments during the current year so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase substantially its funds for national natural calamities budget in view of this abnormal flood fury in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Eleven states (including Rajasthan) and one Union Territory have so far reported damage due to heavy rains, floods and land-slides, etc. during current South-West monsoon season. The extent of damage to life and property etc. as reported by the affected States and the Union Territory as on 7th August, 1990 is given in Annexure [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 20]

(b) and (c) Consequent upon the acceptance of the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission, the scheme for financing the relief expenditure has undergone change from 1.4.1990. A Calamity Relief Fund has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount, 75 per cent of which shall be contributed by the Central Government as non-Plan grant in four quarterly instalments and the balance shall be arranged by the State Governments from their own resources. The State Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State Government shall decide on all matters connected with the relief expenditure including the norms on which the relief should be provided. Following the creation of the Calamity Relief Fund, it is now the responsibility of the State Governments to meet all expenditure arising out of the natural calamities unless a particular calamity warrants its handling at national level. A statement indicating the amount allocated to the various States under Calamity Relief Fund and the amount released so far towards Centre's contribution to Calamity Relief Fund during 1990-91 is at Annexure [*See* Appendix XLV, Annexure No. 21]. There is no proposal to increase the allocations under the Calamity Relief Fund as the same has been allocated by the 9th Finance Commission.

Safe drinking water supply and sanitation facilities in the country

641. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations have declared 1989-1990 as the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation decade; and

(b) if so, what are the targets fixed and achievements made so far for providing safe drinking water supply and sanitation